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THE QUESTION OF ASIATIC EMIGRATION.

Interesting Inter-Debate.

There was a very large attendance at the Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday evening when a very interesting inter-debate took place between the Union Church Literary Club and the Y.M.C.A. Debating Society, on the subject that the action of the self-governing colonies in excluding Asiatics did not meet with their approval. Mr. Joughin opened for the Union Church Literary Club and was supported by Messrs. Brown, August, and Wells. Captain F. A. Brown led the Y.M.C.A. speakers who comprised Messrs E. B. Cobby, Naim and R. A. Lowery. The debate was listened to with the greatest interest and at the close Mr. G. G. Burnett, who occupied the chair, announced that in the voting, the decision was in favour of the Y.M.C.A.

THE ALASKA-YUKON PACIFIC EXPOSITION.

There is to open at Seattle, U.S.A., on June 12th and continue to October 10th, the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition. It will be a great world's fair, and in order that the world may know that which it does not know of the Philippine Islands, the Hawaiian Islands and Alaska, the wonderland of the Arctic, the United States Government is spending \$800,000 upon exhibits that no other world's exposition has ever presented. The Government is erecting four magnificent buildings of steel, which will cost not less than \$350,000. One of these will house the Philippine exhibits; another the Hawaiian, another the Alaskan and the fourth will be devoted to demonstrating the extent and possibilities of the fisheries of Puget Sound and the Alaskan coast.

Japan is naturally taking a great interest in the show and besides its magnificent exhibit, or better, exhibits, for there are many kinds, is contributing largely to the floral display. It will reproduce on the exposition ground the tea houses in Tokyo in which Admiral Sperry and his officers were entertained when the American armada sailed into Yokohama to visit the land of the Rising Sun. Not only will it be the same tea house, but the same dainty gaisans who served tea to the American officers, will serve more tea to those who come to the exposition. A Japanese theatre, with one of the leading troupes of Nippon, will be another feature and there will be an array of Japanese manufactures and products such as has never been shown at any exposition.

China is planning and already doing as much as Japan. The Celestial Empire will also establish a theatre and a tea house and it will have also a full fledged Chinese village, with its joss houses, restaurants, bazaars and all else that will make the exhibit true to life.

In connection with the above it is interesting to note that the Great Northern s.s. Co.'s Minnesota and the steamers of the N.Y.K. American line are the only direct services to Seattle. The Minnesota, sailing from Yokohama on May 21st, will arrive at Seattle on June 4th, four days after the opening of the Exposition.

A bill has been introduced into the New York State Legislature at Albany embodying a recommendation to Congress that the present Great New York and Long Island should be converted into a new State to be known as the State of Manhattan. The grounds for this application are partly those of population; it is pointed out, that the present population of the State is nearly nine millions, or four millions more than the next most populous State, which is Pennsylvania. It is also contended that the special interests of New York run counter to those of the present State as a whole and would be better served by the plan suggested.

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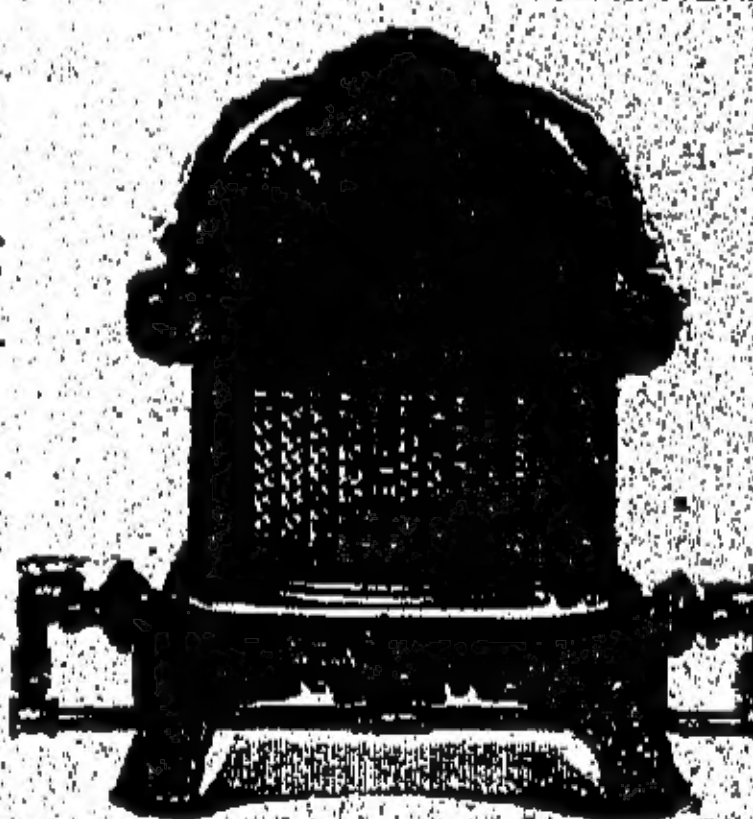
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A TOKYO LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Tokyo, March 5th.
The death of Mr. James Walter, who has
been so long and honourably connected
with Japan, has cast a gloom over the
foreign community, although the sad end
had long been expected. On recovery from
an accident over a twelvemonth ago Mr.
Walter was advised to take a trip home for
his health, and while in Europe took the
opportunity to consult specialists as to the
condition of his throat, which had long
been giving him cause for anxiety. The
trouble was diagnosed as cancer, and
little hope was held out of any but
alliative treatment. Mr. Walter at
once determined to return to Japan to
spend his last days in the country with
which he had been so long associated.
News of the terrible disease by which he
had been attacked preceded him and called
forth many expressions of sympathy. Up
to the last Mr. Walter retained his interest
in public affairs, one of his latest concerns
being the reorganisation of the old Public
Hall Company at Yokohama into the new
Gaiety Theatre Co. On his deathbed Mr.
Walter was in receipt of an honour
from His Majesty the Emperor of
Japan. On the news of his serious
illness reaching the Throne His Majesty
was pleased to bestow on him the fifth
class of the Order of the Sacred Treasure.
The funeral took place on Saturday, practi-
cally the whole of the foreign community
of Yokohama and Tokyo, irrespective of
rank and nationality attending. The chief
mourner was Mr. Walter, Jun., son of the
deceased, who walked side by side with Sir
Claude MacDonald, the British Ambassa-
dor, in the funeral cortege. The pall-
bearers included the British Consul-General
and those who had been the nearest and
dearest friends of the deceased. Mr. Walter,
it may be added, took a great interest in
Japanese affairs, and was the discoverer of
the tomb of the famous Elizabethan seaman,
Will Adams.

The depression in Japan's trade, which
has now lasted some two years, shows no
signs of lifting. Indeed, the gloomy pros-
pects have been deepened lately by the
disordered condition of affairs—to put it
mildly—of some Japanese companies. The
chief of these is the Dai Nippon Sugar
Refining Company, a concern which had
been regarded as of the highest stability,
but which now appears to have been
grossly mismanaged. In the days of its
highest prosperity the company has
been known to pay a dividend of 40 per
cent., and it is now feared that these
high dividends were only paid at the
expense of the stability of the concern.
It is hardly probable that the company will
be allowed to go into bankruptcy, but the
difficulties in the way of any real adjustment
of its affairs are very great. The exact
amount of the liabilities is stated by the
auditor of the company to be 9,792,000
yen, 4,000,000 of which are taxes in
arrear. How these liabilities were incurred
is uncertain, but it is probable the
company was trading on the prospects of
a revival of trade which has failed to
materialize. The godowns are filled with
sugar, Mr. Sakurai, the Director of the
Revenue Bureau, recently stating in the
Diet that the quantity of sugar in stock
upon which the tax could not be imposed
was estimated at 150,000,000 kin. That
proper provision has not been made for
future contingencies in the affairs of the
company is certain, but it is doubtful
whether any charge of mismanagement can
be brought against the directors, although
some of the vernacular papers boldly
allege fraudulent practices.

Naturally the trouble in the affairs of
this, the largest sugar refining company in
Japan, has directly affected the other sugar
refining companies and indirectly injured
Japan's credit in other directions. The
share market, which showed some signs of
activity before the disclosures were made,
has again taken a downward plunge, and
there seems little prospect of relief. Un-
doubtedly a part of the depression is to
be attributed to the fall in prices of
certain of Japan's staples, such as cop-
per and silk, but there is an undercurrent
of distrust which prevents any active
operations. The foreign mercantile houses
have also felt the strain, the more cautious
of them having suspended business almost
entirely, orders even from regular customers
being refused. The more incautious, how-
ever, have indulged in what must be con-
sidered as more or less speculative business,
and many have burned their fingers
severely. Meanwhile the heavy war taxes
continue, and considering that Japan's
latest Budget has the novelty of being the
first since the war wherein the revenue and
expenditure are brought into agreement
without adventures, such as loans, etc.,
it may be concluded the war taxes have
come to stay. They undoubtedly create
much discontent, but in the phrase of
the country it is a case of "Shikata ga
nai," or "can't be helped." It may be noted,
however, that at the joint conference of the
Japanese Chambers of Commerce, held in
Tokyo on the 16th inst., strong complaints
were made as to the heavy burden of tax-
ation and a memorial for presentation to the
Government was adopted in which not
only the perpetration of the war taxes is
severely condemned, but also the methods
of collection, which are described as
excessive. Mr. W. H. R. Peck, long the
Commissioner of Trade for the Dominion
of Canada, who recently stated in the
National Review that there was "no uncer-
tain or dissimulation over the war taxes in
Japan," evidently spoke without his heart.

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Intimations.

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A STENOGRAPHER and TYPE-
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Hongkong, March 16, 1909.

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Hongkong, March 15, 1909.

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THE FIFTEENTH HALF-YEARLY
DRAWING OF SIXTY-FIVE DE-
BENTURES (1898) of the HONGKONG
CLUB, payable on WEDNESDAY, the 24th
March, 1909, will be held at the HONG-
KONG CLUB HOUSE at 11 o'clock A.M. on
FRIDAY, the 19th March, 1909.
Bidders of Debentures are invited to
attend the Drawing.
By Order,
JAMES ORRICK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 9, 1909.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.**NOTICE.**

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING of the Share-
holders of the above Company will be held
at the Office of the General Agents, 11, A
Building, 30 FRIDAY, the 19th March,
at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the
Report and Statement of accounts for the
year ending 31st December, 1908.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
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Hongkong, February 15, 1908.

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HONGKONG REGATTA.

SATURDAY, March 20th.

Under the patronage of Their Excellencies

SIR FREDERICK LUGARD,

K.O.M.C., C.B., D.S.O., &c.

Vice Admiral SIR HEDWORTH

LAMBTON, K.C.B., R.N.

Major-General R.G. BROADWOOD, &c.

THE RACING commences at Noon and

continues until 5.30 p.m. The Senior

Pairs Race being rowed at 1 p.m. after

which 15 min will be served on board the

flagship.

The Band of the Buffs will render selec-

tions during the afternoon.

Yacht Races and a Motor-Boat Race will

take place also.

After the 5th race, Mrs. BART TAYLOR

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General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 19:—
11 a.m.—Fifteenth Half-Yearly Drawing
of sixty-five Delinquents of Hongkong
Club at Club House.
Noon—Meeting of China Sugar Refining
Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson
Co.'s Office.
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Luxon Sugar Re-
fining Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine,
Matheson Co.'s Office.
Goods per *Prima Indus* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, March 20:—
11 a.m.—Auction of Swatow Drawn work-
do., at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales
Rooms.
3 p.m.—Auction of Race Ponies at City
Hall.
Noon—Hongkong Regatta.
9 p.m.—Boxing at City Hall.
Goods per *Ambrisa* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

MONDAY, March 22:—
p.m.—Bull Match (final) at Football
Ground Happy Valley.
Transfer Books of China-Borneo Co.,
Ltd., close from this date to 5th April
inclusive.
Goods per *Mongolia* undelivered at Noon
on this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Ca elonien* undelivered after this
date at Noon will be subject to rent
and landing charges.

TUESDAY, March 23:—
Goods per *Leithian* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, March 25:—
p.m.—Military Tattoo on the Cricket
Ground.

MONDAY, April 5:—
Noon—Meeting of China-Borneo Co.,
Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1909.

COMPENSATION.

LORD CREWE, representing the Home
authorities, has given his word that
Hongkong shall be compensated by
the British Parliament for any loss
which the Colony's revenues will
sustain in connection with the opium
repression policy which Great Britain
has recently thought fit to pursue.

SIR JOHN ANDERSON, Governor of
Singapore, has observed, has suggested
to the Colonial Office that a
suitable way to provide compensation
for the loss of Opium revenue would
be to remit the Military Contribution
now wrong from a somewhat reluctant
dependency. Lord CREWE has not
thought fit to express any opinion on this
suggestion, as perhaps was only natural
in view of the past history of this
very thorny question, but any fair-
minded man must acknowledge that
the idea which the veteran Governor of
Singapore puts forward has most
substantial reason for its base. The
mercantile communities of Hongkong
and Singapore are as one man regarding
the Military Contribution and many
have been the protests made in the
Legislative Councils of both Colonies
regarding the 'iniquitous' levy. The
garrisons of both Hongkong and
Singapore, it goes without saying,
have been created for purely Im-
perial purposes and therefore it
would seem but just that the Imperial
and not the local exchequer should bear
the cost. We know that it is a pet idea
of the Colonial Office, supported more
or less lukewarmly by the officials in
either colony, that the Military Con-
tribution should be regarded in the
light of a premium which we should
gladly pay for our safety. It is a
pretty idea, but utterly illogical.
Besides, putting that aspect of the case
aside for the moment, there is no ques-
tion that there would not be so much
objection to paying this alleged
premium if all other Colonies of Great
Britain were mulcted in a similar
fashion, but they are not. Not one of
the colonies of South Africa, for instance,
puts up a cent in the way of a Military
Contribution though they have English
soldiers in all their garrisons, and they
would, we imagine, boil over with

indignation were the suggestion made
to them. But because Hongkong and
Singapore are Crown Colonies and the
Colonial Office is the paramount power
they have to submit to a species of
plunder that one unofficial member of
the Hongkong Legislative Council once
described as 'little short of highway
robbery.' We have called the Military
Contribution iniquitous. The epithet
is justified for owing to the nature of
its incidence the Contribution does not
rise or fall in accordance with the
Colony's income, but is always one-
fourth of our expenditure. Thus it
comes about to-day that although Hong-
kong has to face a big deficit yet
owing to the increase in our expendi-
tures, the Military Contribution is larger
this year than it was last.

SIR JOHN ANDERSON's suggestion that
the Military Contribution be remitted
as a return for the loss of the Opium
revenue which the action of the
Home authorities has brought about
should receive the warmest support
of his own Colony. As for Hong-
kong a similar suggestion should
also be made and be strongly ad-
vocated by those bodies who are said
to have the ear of the authorities at
home. A fourth of our income goes
with the prohibition of Opium: there-
fore the Home Government which has
forced this condition of affairs upon us
should at once come to our aid by
erasing us of the Military Contribution,
which is one-fourth of our expenditures.
Compensation on those terms would
not only be satisfactory, it would be
equitable and worthy of the ideals
dictated by the higher morality which
Great Britain is so anxious to live up
to in the opening decade of the
twentieth century.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

To-day is St. Patrick's day, the patron
saint of Ireland.

The accouchement of the Queen of
Spain is expected in May next.

The customary programme of music will
not be rendered to-morrow by the 13th
Rajputa Band at the King Edward Hotel.

A number of taxicabs are being shipped
from England to Sydney, Australia,
where they are expected to start running
in about two months time.

A sum of £25,000 has been allocated
by the French authorities for the new
Commercial Attaché in the Far East, who
will have his headquarters either in Peking
or Tokyo.

At the Y.M.C.A., on Thursday even-
ing a meeting in the interests of the re-
ligious side of the Association's work is to
be held when Mr O. S. Cooper, one of the
international secretaries of the Y.M.C.A.,
will give a short address. The public are
cordially invited to attend. The meeting
will commence at 9 p.m.

It is stated that Mr A. M. Chalmers,
British Consul at Tamsui, Formosa, has
been appointed Consul at Nagasaki, due
to the departure for Home of Consul F. W.
Playfair owing to ill-health. The post
vacated by Mr Chalmers has been taken up
by Mr A. R. Firth, Vice-Consul at Osaka,
who is succeeded by Mr W. R. Cunningham,
Assistant in the British Consulate at
Yokohama.

Owing to the cost of printing paper
many American newspapers are increasing
the price of their issues. Fears of a paper
famine, owing to the approaching cutting
off of the North American forests, have
led to experiments being made with other
substances to ascertain whether paper could
be profitably manufactured from them.
Cotton, maize, and flax stalks have all been
tried. Cotton-stalk pulp has proved
the most promising. Its paper, however,
is not quite stout enough.

Mr Roosevelt has announced that he will
embark at New York on his way to Africa
on March 21. He has expressed his desire
that he shall not be described as "ex Pre-
sident" or "Colonel." Professor Starr,
of the Chicago University, who is closely
acquainted with Africa, declares that if Mr
Roosevelt carries out his projected tour he
will never return alive, being certain to
succumb to fever. Mr Roosevelt, however,
is in the best of spirits and appears un-
definitely glad to have been relieved of the
 cares of office. He still continues to be
 pestered by offers of service from all sorts
 of people anxious to accompany him to
 Africa, but apparently his only companion
 will be his son Kermit.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COLIC, CHOLERA
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THIS medicine is well known for its
 prompt cure of bowel complaint,
 which is always more or less prevalent at
 this season of the year. An attack of
 diarrhoea is liable to become an alarming
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 Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is
 kept in the house all danger of a severe ill-
 ness may be avoided. For sale by all the
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NEW PUISNE JUDGE.
Appointment of Mr Justice
Gompertz.

Official notification has been received of
the appointment of Mr Justice Gompertz
as Puisne Judge in succession to Mr Justice
Wise, who, as is well known, has resigned
from the service of the Colony. Mr Justice
Gompertz has for the past twelve months
been Acting Puisne Judge and his uniform
courtesy as well as his quick and ready
appreciation of difficult points of law have
made him a favourite among those whose
duty it is to practice at the Court. He has
a happy knack of getting at the pith of a
case and in this way economises time with-
out endangering the ends of justice. We
congratulate him on his new appointment
and feel sure he will discharge the duties
incident on the office with all round
dignity and fairness to all concerned.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The recent rains in Peking surpass
anything that can be recalled by the oldest
inhabitant of the eastern State, says the
Wahy Miao. It has also been pretty damp
in 'nappies lately.

From Messrs Hais and Co. we have
received the seventh report of the New
Zealand Insurance Company, Ltd., showing
how very successful its working has been
during the past twelve months.

Four months' imprisonment was the
sentence passed upon Dr. Gomez, the
leader of the Manila Laborites, for
threatening a foreign firm. It is expected
that he will use every legal dodge to avoid
serving the sentence.

At Messina a man has been rescued
alive, after being buried for 37 days. He
was imprisoned in the ruins of a con-
fectioner's shop, and was able to feed on
sweetmeats, and drink liqueur.

The health crusade initiated in New
York has resulted in a large number of men
being arrested for violation of the Sanita-
tion Law. The other day no fewer than
189 were fined for spitting in the public
subways.

Paris has spoken. Breadth instead of
attention is to be the note of the new
fashions, and stout ladies who, owing to
their inability to wear Directorate costumes
have been in hiding in forests and in
inaccessible mountains, are now flocking
back to Town.—Punch.

The football dispute which arose be-
tween England and Scotland owing to the
payment of 3s a day to members of the
Australian and New Zealand Rugby Union
teams has been settled. Scotland agrees
that it was not entitled to scratch the
match with England, and the match will
be played on March 20.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice
Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals 1/6s to
acknowledge with thanks the following
donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—
Schmidt and Co. \$25
J. Whitley 10
F. Tinsdale 10
P. K. Kwok and Co. 10
Ah Yung and Co. 5

It is reported from Peking that the
troops in the three Eastern Provinces have
not been paid for several months. The
Government has also to find large sums
for the establishment of the Imperial
Guards, the reconstruction of the Navy,
the building of railways, the interest on
foreign loans, and other purposes. There
is consequently much doubt as to how the
Government can meet its engagements.

A correspondent of the *North China
Daily News* in Honan vouches for the
accuracy of the following incident:—A
well-to-do Chinese fell the misfortune to
swallow the gold filling of his newly-stem-
ped tooth, and was considerably alarmed,
as he was convinced that the gold would
poison him. One of China's new scholars
informed him that sulphuric acid dissolved
gold and recommended him to take some.
He did. It is not stated whether the
scholar attended the funeral.

An interesting experience in wireless
telegraphy which fell to the lot of the
captain of the North German Lloyd liner
Kronprinzessin Cecilie is reported. On
the voyage of his steamer from Bremen to
Southampton, when off the North Hinder
light on the night of Feb. 2, the ship was
in communication by Marconi with the
Command steamship Caronia, which was then
in the Mediterranean, the distance being
about 837 miles, and the position of the
Caronia about 29 miles south of Capri.

The immediate effect of the conclusion
of the Anglo-Siam treaty, we learn
from a Straits paper, is the addition to
the Federated Malay States of an area of
about 15,000 square miles, or more than
half the present area of the F.M.S. The
territory in question contains a large
Mahomedan population, amongst whom
are a considerable number of British sub-
jects, exceeding that of the Federated
Malay States themselves. The Treaty
strengthens the position of Great Britain
in the Malay Peninsula and will effectively
prevent the possibility of the establish-
ment of any important foreign interest
which might lead to disputes in dependen-
cies of Siam which are remote from effective
control from Bangkok.

WHEELING BETTER TO-DAY.—Those who
have been taking Sarsaparilla Wine
of Dr. Liver's will be glad to hear that
their health is better to-day. Don't you wish you did?

THE AMERICAN SQUADRON.
The dance given at Government House
on Tuesday evening, following the dinner
to Rear-Admiral Harbor, and the officers
of the American Squadron, proved a most
delightful function. Some two hundred
and fifty invitations were issued and most
were accepted. Music was supplied by the
excellent Band of the Buffs.

"MARINE DELICACIES."
During the public examination of a
Chinese bankrupt at the Supreme Court
to-day, debtor said he dealt in "marine
delicacies."

The Official Receiver—What are they?
Debtor—Shark fin.

THE PRATAS.

The Canton newspapers are greatly
worked up over the Pratas affair. Full
reports are published regarding the hoisting
of the Japanese flag, the building of huts,
the laying down of a railway for the better
working of the guano deposits, etc., while
sketches are published, from photographs
taken on the spot, of the post which the
Japanese adventurers have erected on which
is set forth the statement that the islands
were discovered by Japan. Altogether
much indignation is displayed at Canton
and public feeling is being worked up.
But again we say, it is singular that the
Chinese authorities of Kwantung have been
so long ignorant of what has been happen-
ing at the Pratas. The next step in this
matter will be watched with interest.

AN INTERESTING EVENT.

Baby Girl Born on Nikko Maru.

The N. Y. K. Australian Liner Nikko
Maru, which arrived here this morning,
reports that on the eve of leaving Nagasaki
a female child was born on board to Mr
and Mrs Christopher Hughson, passengers
destined to Singapore, and the child was
fittedly named Elizabeth Nikko Hughson.
Both mother and child are doing well, and
the passengers and officers of the ship have
subscribed to present Miss Nikko with a
silver mug, knife, fork and napkin ring in
token of her first start in this world on
board the Nikko Maru under the most
favourable auspices.

SEQUEL TO COTTON THREAD
TRANSACTIONS.

The case in which the Foo Kat Cheong
Firm brought an action against Messrs
Schmidt and Co., for the return of \$124.57,
the cost of one case of cotton thread which
the defendants were alleged to have failed
to deliver again came before the Puisne
Judge (Mr Justice Gompertz) in the court
of Summary Jurisdiction this afternoon.
Mr Bailey was for defendants and Mr
Otto Kong Sing for plaintiffs.
The evidence was to the effect that a
contract was entered into for 35 cases of
cotton thread, of which 34 cases were
delivered. They were all paid for, and one
case was held as security in regard to other
overdue accounts.
His Lordship said it seemed as though
the defendants said the property in the
cases was plaintiffs, but possession would
be retained as security.
Mr Otto Kong Sing said possession was
certainly with his clients.
His Lordship—Then you cannot claim
for money. You can only claim for goods.
Mr Otto Kong Sing—In that case I
would ask for an amendment of the writ
to return to us the goods or their equivalent
in money.
His Lordship—But you have refused to
take the goods; that's what defendants
want you to do.
Mr Otto Kong Sing—We could not but
expect to pay for the cotton after it
had been there for three years and been
damaged.
His Lordship—If they were your goods,
why not?
After further discussion his Lordship
said plaintiffs had another course of action
but on that claim they would be non-suited
with costs.

BEWARE OF FREQUENT COLDS.

A succession of colds of a protracted
kind is almost certain to end in
chronic catarrh, from which few persons
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HONGKONG UNIVERSITY
SCHEME.

SIR ROBERT BART'S
APPROVAL.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)
London, March 17.

At a big meeting held at the Mansion
House, which was attended by a large
number of notabilities and presided over
by the Lord Mayor of London,
resolutions were passed in favour of a
national movement to support and
extend medical missions in China.
Sir Robert Bart spoke sympathetically
of the Hongkong University scheme and
on the proposal to establish inter-
national colleges.

Dr Campbell Gibson, Missionary of
the Presbyterian Church of England, at
Swatow; the Rev J. Scott Lidgett,
President of the Wesleyan Conference;
and the Hon Whitelaw Reid, American
Ambassador, also spoke, the last named
complimenting England on supporting
opium repression at the invitation of
America.

THE SHANGHAI-HANG-
CHOW RAILWAY.

QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF
COMMONS.

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LONDON, March 16.

In the House of Commons Mr McKin-
non Wood, Parliamentary Secretary to
the Foreign Office, replying to a question
by Mr J. B. Lonsdale, M.P. for Armagh,
stated that it seems clear that the terms
of the Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo rail-
way are not being observed and that
Sir John Jordan, H.M.B.'s Minister at
Peking, had been authorised to make
formal representations to the Chinese
Government on the matter.

Negotiations for a loan in respect of
the Canton-Hankow railway are pro-
ceeding.

OPIMUM IN MALAYA.

ATTITUDE OF THE HOME
GOVERNMENT.

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LONDON, March 16.

Col. Seely, Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies, in reply to Mr Rees,
M.P., stated that the Government would
not attempt to reach a final conclusion as
regards the opium traffic in the Malay
Peninsula until they had consulted the
Governor and considered the report of
the Shanghai Commission.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Sir Claude Macdonald, at the British
Association dinner given at Yokohama in
honour of Mr J. H. Scott, claimed Sir
Thomas Jackson as a brother Highlander.
Shades of Erin, what next?

Monsieur Berthelot, a relative of the
distinguished chemist bearing the same
name, has been appointed French Minister
at Peking. Monsieur Boissac, the pre-
scent Chargé d'Affaires, will return to Paris,
where he has been appointed Director of
the Asiatic Bureau in the Ministry for
Foreign Affairs.

Major Charles Legge Eustace Robertson,
Eustace, D.S.O., of Montague House,
Wokingham, Berks, and of the King's
Royal Rifle, who saw service in China,
1891-92, in Mesopotamia, 1898, and in the
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THE NAVAL ESTIMATES.

BRITAIN'S ENORMOUS TASK.

What is Germany Doing?

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LONDON, March 17.

The Prince of Wales and other distinguished visitors were present in the House of Commons when Mr. McKenna rose in a crowded house to introduce the Naval Estimates. Mr. McKenna said the safety of the country must be their paramount object, but the Government were faced with the difficulty that they did not know the extent of German construction was proceeding. The construction of extra Dreadnoughts depended upon the output of the German yards for we cannot risk any falling behind in Dreadnought building.

Mr. Balfour said the condition of the Navy was a national danger. Great Britain in December, 1910, would have ten Dreadnoughts, while Germany would probably have thirteen. By 1912 the proportion would be twenty to twenty-five or at least twenty to twenty-one.

AUSTRIA AND SERBIA.

A PLAIN ANSWER REQUIRED.

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LONDON, March 17.

Austria, who regards the last Serbian Note as evasive and almost impertinent, will send an answer demanding specific promises of peaceful intentions.

POSTAL SCHOOLS TO BE OPENED.

(Wah Tin Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, March 16.

The Board of Communications intend to establish Telegraph and Postal Colleges in Kiangsu, Hupoh, Fuhkien, and Chekiang.

MODEL PARLIAMENT HOUSE.

(Wah Tin Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, March 16.

The Constitutional Administration Department of Peking has telegraphed to Lord Li King-fang, Chinese Minister at London, to obtain copies of the plan of the English House of Lords, the idea being to build a similar Parliament House or the site now occupied by the Metropolitan Examination Hall.

NEW TREATY PORT.

(Wah Tin Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, March 16.

The Board of Foreign Affairs has submitted a memorial to the Throne urging that Hoichow, in Chekiang, be opened as a treaty port.

IMPERIAL CHINESE BANK NOTES.

(Wah Tin Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, March 16.

The Board of Finance has notified all Viceroy and Governors that in all the Imperial Chinese Bank notes issued by the Imperial Chinese Bank are to be accepted in payment of taxes.

HOW TO SECURE RECRUITS.

(Wah Tin Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, March 16.

The Peking Government has telegraphed to all the Chinese Ministers abroad that they are to inquire into the system of recruiting pursued by the various countries to which they are accredited.

SPORTING.

Tennis.

In connection with the tennis championship on the Hongkong Cricket Club's courts the following matches have been played:

Championship Event (best of five sets). H. Hancock v. Dr. G. R. Aubrey, 6-4, 8-6, 7-5.

Capt. Driscoll v. Comdr. Walter, R.N., 6-2, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1.

Luncheon Athletic Sports.

Under the auspices of the Luncheon Recreation Club, the annual athletic sports are to be held on the Race Course, by kind permission of the stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, on Easter Monday, April 12. The list of sports includes eighteen events.

SANITARY BOARD.

Mr. R. O. Hutchinson presided over a meeting of the Sanitary Board on Tuesday afternoon, and there were present Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, O.M.G., Colonel Bedford, Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Mr. A. Shelton Hooper, Dr. G. H. L. Fitzwilliams, Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Dr. F. Clark, Medical Officer of Health and Mr. A. Gibson, secretary.

The Scavenging Contractor.

Dr. Fitzwilliams, Assistant Medical Officer of Health, reported that he had made an inspection of the boats used by the scavenging contractor for Tsim Sha Tsui. He recommended that four of the boats be not accepted and that boats up to the standard size be required. All boats should be decked. If the boat had no deck it was piled up with rubbish which in all probability was thrown into the harbour at the earliest opportunity. As it was only the beginning of quite a long contract he considered it would be reasonable to ask that the boats be brought nearer to contract requirements as they were sure to go less as time went on through accidents, etc.

Mr. Hooper inquired—I quite agree with the Assistant Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. Fitzwilliams inquired—I think the conditions of the contract should be insisted upon and that if the total number of boats supplied does not give the necessary piling this must be made up by an increased number of boats, it being rather an advantage to increase the number than the size of the boats owing to the depth of water at low tide.

The President proposed that the contractor be told that he has got to provide boats up to the full piling, and to have those boats decked as recommended by the Assistant Medical Officer of Health.

Mr. Shelton Hooper seconded, and the contractor was called before the Board and informed of the decision arrived at.

Nomination of Mr. Lau Chu Pak.

A letter was read from the Government, notifying the Board of the re-nomination of Mr. Lau Chu Pak to the Sanitary Board. The President stated that the whole Board were very pleased that Mr. Lau had consented to be re-nominated, as he was an acquisition to the Board and a useful member, not only on account of the work done at Board meetings, but also outside (Applause).

Mr. Shelton Hooper—What about his colleagues?

The President—At the moment I have no further information regarding the filling of the other vacancy, but I think it will be filled very soon.

The Exhumation of Bodies.

Mr. A. Shelton Hooper asked if the Board had any further information from the Government with regard to the granting of permits for the exhumation of bodies.

The President—I have no further information then is given in this letter. I understand they are taking steps.

Mr. Shelton Hooper—I think the Government should be asked to submit for our consideration any amendment of the law before it is introduced. We might be able to make suggestions.

Mr. Lau Chu Pak—In the meantime the Chinese are suffering great inconvenience. They are constantly sending up for permits for exhumation which nobody can grant.

Mr. Shelton Hooper—That is the unfortunate state of the law.

Dr. Clark—If nobody can give permits anybody can give permits.

Mr. Hooper—No, I am advised that to remove a body without a permit is a misdemeanour.

Mr. Lau Chu Pak—Pending the decision of the Government I move the appointment of a sub-committee to issue permits.

Mr. Shelton Hooper—You can't.

Hon. Mr. Hewett—Nobody in the Colony has power to issue permits.

Hon. Mr. Irvine—We may point out to the Government that this is causing inconvenience to the Chinese.

The President—I think the Government understands that.

Mr. Lau Chu Pak moved and Dr. Fitzwilliams seconded and it was agreed that the Government be asked to take urgent steps in the matter.

Sanitary Department Discipline.

A letter was read from the Hon. Colonial Secretary as follows:—

Sir, I am directed to inform you that Mr. Shelton Hooper's minute on the subject of the method of dealing with complaints by the public against officers of the Sanitary Department has been laid before the Governor. His Excellency desires me to point out that the rules under which any offences or dereliction of duty by any Government officer of whatever grade or standing are laid down in Colonial Regulations 49-73 and it is not within the discretion of the Government to act otherwise than in accordance with those regulations. There is no exceptional treatment in the Sanitary Department, the officers of which, like those of any other department, are subject to the rules of the service. As I informed you, however, in my letter of 9th ult. His Excellency desires that the Board should be fully informed of any action taken by the Head of the Department and should have the fullest opportunity of expressing their views and of making any recommendations to the Government.

Mr. Shelton Hooper inquired—I regret very much that His Excellency the Governor does not approve of the suggestion made in my minute, which contained nothing inconsistent with the Colonial Office Regulations.

Mr. Hooper—I wish, particularly to emphasize that minute. Sir, I have looked at the Colonial Office Regulations, and there is nothing at all inconsistent with what I suggested in my minute. I particularly suggested that the Board should be kept informed of any action taken by the Head of the Department, and the regulations quoted only deal with that.

THE AFFAIRS OF D. R. CAPTAIN AND CO.

The public examination of D. R. Captain, trading as D. R. Captain and Co., was conducted in the Supreme Court, before the Chief Justice (Sir F. Pigott), to-day.

Debtor, replying to the Official Receiver, said he was proprietor of Messrs D. R. Captain and Co., wine and provision dealers. He started the business in January, 1905, buying it for \$10,000, of which \$5,000 was paid in cash and the remainder to be paid in monthly instalments of \$250. He was previously manager in the business. When he bought the business over he took in Mr. B. N. Cooper as partner, he having paid down \$3000 for a half share. The profits of the business were small, but he bought it over from the executor of a widow and wanted to help them. He should think the business was then making \$800 or \$900 a year, but since he took it over the profits had been smaller on account of the severe competition in Hongkong. He had lost about \$1000 in silk transactions, and was also embarrassed of about \$3000 by an assistant.

The Official Receiver—Is it not a fact that you have been living an extravagant life?

Debtor—I don't think so.

Mr. Holborn, who appeared for a creditor, said debtor admitted having bought goods in 1908 to the value of \$12,000 and now he estimated his goods valued at \$4000. Where were the goods now?

Debtor—They were not bought all in one year, but there is also a balance left from the previous year.

Mr. C. F. Dixon, for debtor, said there was about \$5,000 in book debts. The goods had been sold and the debts were entered in the books.

Mr. E. J. Grist suggested that the case should be adjourned and debtor ordered in the meantime to file a deficiency account to show what had become of the goods.

His Lordship agreed, and the order was made.

Mr. Dixon said he intended to apply for adjudication that day. The reason was that the Official Receiver wished to sell the business as a going concern and at the present time he was not in a position to accept tenders for the concern. The consequence was that the business was suffering.

Mr. Holborn said he did not object; and Mr. Grist said that he could obviously do no compromise in the present state of the accounts.

The application for adjudication was granted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HONGKONG REGATTA.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

SIR—I have read with much interest the letter by "Fair Sport" which appeared in the columns of your paper, and must say that his outspoken criticisms are endorsed by a large number of sportsmen in Hongkong.

I conscientiously believe that rowers should be placed on even terms, thus giving all an equal chance of scoring a victory. Moreover, in fairness to them, a good opportunity will be afforded spectators of witnessing a competition of prowess when all things are equal.

At one of the meetings of the Hongkong Regatta Committee held recently, it was proposed and carried by a majority of 7 to 1, I believe, that all four-cased events at the forthcoming Regatta be competed in the same class of boats. The decision was received with much interest by all broad-minded sportsmen and endorsed by them as affording the one opportunity for competition upon terms of equality.

The decision which called forth such favourable comments was reversed at a subsequent meeting when some of the members of the Committee were not present. It looks as if the subsequent decision, which overrules the popular original finding, is to hold good.

With your permission I would like to ask the sporting public to judge for themselves if it is fair play to second the chance of one class rowing in a far superior boat when such a boat is only owned by one rowing club in the colony and available to its members only, practically thus penalising the members of the other clubs?

An inferior and much heavier boat, all of the same design, is owned by the three other clubs. As the majority of the Clubs own the heavier boats, why not compete in them as at first decided?

It should be a governing principle in sports as in business that the majority should receive the maximum consideration. In other words, the greatest good to the maximum number.

I have myself entered a crew for the Junior Four on the understanding that competitors would all be placed on even terms, but had reluctantly to withdraw upon the second decision of the Hongkong Regatta Committee being officially announced.

Less the purpose of my letter be misunderstood by the officials of the rowing clubs concerned, allow me to add that I was prompted to approach you for the hospitality of your columns, in the most friendly spirit to the organising body of the Regatta, with the view of securing the success which the meeting undoubtedly deserves but would unquestionably fail to obtain were an unpopular decision allowed to hold good at the expense of enthusiasts warring in the sporting arena which should be looked forward to with considerable interest.—Yours,

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ALLEGED CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Official Receiver Complains.

The Chief Justice (Sir Francis Pigott) at the Supreme Court to-day, sitting in bankruptcy jurisdiction, heard an application by Mr. S. Dixon for the rescission of a receiving order in the case of the Kwong Yik Cheung Firm.

His Lordship—Are all the creditors consenting?

Mr. Dixon—Yes, my lord.

His Lordship—What does the Official Receiver say?

The Official Receiver (Mr. Wakeman)—I have not yet had an opportunity of considering this. The affidavit was only filed yesterday.

His Lordship—Well, perhaps it had better stand over, and I will make the order in chambers if the Official Receiver agrees.

The Official Receiver—I should like to call attention to this bankruptcy. The first meeting of creditors was called and bankrupt was served with a notice to attend, but he has not taken any notice of it. In fact, he has already committed contempt of court twice. I ask your Lordship to have him brought here.

Mr. Dixon—The reason, my lord, is that the case is in process of being settled. The Official Receiver—But he is practically defying the Court, my lord.

Mr. E. J. Grist—I appear for a large number of creditors, my lord, and I have no doubt that the man would be quite ready and willing to come here if necessary, but the matter has been in course of settlement ever since it started. There are no creditors at all. Every one of these creditors is a partner in the firm. It is simply a matter of arrangement between the partners of the firm.

His Lordship—Still, that does not exempt him.

Mr. Grist—I do not think he understands, my lord.

The Official Receiver—He was served with notice in English and Chinese and must have understood. It is impossible for me to carry out my duties as Official Receiver if I am defied like this.

This application was eventually adjourned until next bankruptcy day.

DEPORTING CHINESE REBELS FROM TONKIN.

Treaty Between France and China.

Last year, the French authorities in Tonkin had no end of trouble from Chinese revolutionists who, on the failure of outbreaks in Kwangtung and Yunnan, had taken refuge in French territory, and sought means of livelihood by brigandage. So many of these outlaws fell into the hands of the Colonial authorities that numbers of them had to be got rid of by deportation to Singapore. Daily scores of Chinese were on the frontier owing to the Chinese pursuing forces having to pull themselves up on the fleeing revolutionists crossing the boundary line.

ADDITION.—How to mend matters, which had become worse by Chinese residents in Tonkin sympathising with the revolutionists, occupied long parleying between the French and Chinese Governments.

Annam-Tonkin, a Haiphong newspaper, says that the negotiations have resulted in a treaty, a copy of which has been sent to the Governor General of Indo-China. This agreement, set out in five articles, is expected to prevent further frontier troubles with revolutionists.

Under article 2, the French authorities undertake to put down sharply every kind of revolutionary and anti-dynastic agitation—especially as regards printed matter—such as the Chinese Government, Chinese, in Indo-China. The leading agitators will be deported or prosecuted. Newspapers offending will be suppressed.

DEALT WITH STERNLY.—Article 3 provides for the detaining and confinement of Chinese revolutionists taking refuge in French territory. After a while, such revolutionists will be deported from the Colony upon due notice of the fact being given to the Chinese Government.

Measures will be taken to prevent them from returning to the Colony.

Article 4 directs the surrender to the Chinese Government of all refugees criminals guilty of what the law of China considers to be brigandage or piracy. Should the criminals plead that they are political offenders, a searching inquiry will be made to prevent them from escaping punishment under this plea.

Under article 5, both Governments agree to stop the contraband trade in arms on the frontier. It is confidently expected that the Chinese revolutionists will take note of the treaty, and will forbear from passing into French territory, now that they know what is in store for them.

NO MORE ROUSEMENTS.—The Tonkin Government intends in short to stand no more nonsense from them. The moment Chinese revolutionists or rebels set foot on French territory, the authorities will at once proceed to pursue and scatter them. The treaty explicitly sets forth that, failing advice from its own officials, the Indo-China Government will take action against refugees located in the moment the Chinese authorities notify the fact that they have crossed the frontier into Tonkin.—Straits Times.

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ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

For being on board the s.s. Lothian without permission, a native was fined \$25, at the Magistrate, to-day.

A fine of \$300 was imposed on a native, at the Magistrate, to-day, by Mr. J. R. Wood, for having opium in his possession and for preparing opium.

Lothie Kingberg and Mary Larin were each fined \$20, or seven days, by Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistrate, to-day, for behaving in a disorderly manner in Queen's Road Central by accosting male pedestrians.

Mr. J. H. Kemp, at the Magistrate, this afternoon, committed Yung Kwai Loum, alias Yuen Pak Shan, for trial on a charge of obtaining various sums amounting to \$52,747 71 from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in 1908.

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THE QUESTION OF ASIATIC EMIGRATION.

Interesting Inter-Debate.

There was very large attendance at the Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday evening when a very interesting inter-debate took place between the Union Church Literary Club and the Y.M.C.A. Debating Society, on the subject of the action of the self-governing colonies in excluding Asiatics did not meet with their approval. Mr. Joughin opened for the Union Church Literary Club and was supported by Messrs. Brown, Auer, and Wells. Captain F. A. Brown led the Y.M.C.A. speakers who comprised Messrs. E. B. Cusby, Naim, and R. A. Lowery. The debate was listened to with the greatest interest and at the close Mr. G. G. Burnett, who occupied the chair, announced that in the voting the decision was in favour of the Y.M.C.A.

THE ALASKA-YUKON PACIFIC EXPOSITION.

There is to open at Seattle, U.S.A., on June 12th and continue to October 16th, the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition. It will be a great world's fair, and in order that the world may know that which it does not know of the Philippine Islands, the Hawaiian Islands and Alaska, the wonderland of the Arctic, the United States Government is spending \$600,000 upon exhibits that no other world's exposition has ever presented. The Government is erecting four magnificent buildings of steel, which will cost not less than \$250,000. One of these will house the Philippine exhibits; another the Hawaiian, another the Alaskan and the fourth will be devoted to demonstrating the extent and possibilities of the fisheries of Puget Sound and the Alaskan coast.

Japan is naturally taking a great interest in the show and besides its magnificent exhibit, or better, exhibits, for there are many kinds, is contributing largely to the show display. It will reproduce on the exposition ground the tea house in Tokyo in which Admiral Sperry and his officers were entertained when the American armada sailed into Yokohama to visit the land of the Rising Sun. Not only will it be the same tea house, but the same dainty dishes which served tea to the American officers, will serve more tea to those who come to the exposition. A Japanese theatre, with one of the leading troupes of Nippon, will be another feature and there will be an array of Japanese manufactures and products such as has never been shown at any exposition.

China is planning and already doing as much as is Japan. The Celestial Empire will also establish a theatre and a tea house and it will have also a full fledged Chinese village, with its joss houses, restaurants, bazaars and all else that will make the exhibit true to life.

In connection with the above it is interesting to note that the Great Northern & Co.'s Minnesota and the steamers of the N.Y.K. American line are the only direct service to Seattle. The Minnesota, sailing from Yokohama on May 21st, will arrive at Seattle on June 4th, four days after the opening of the Exposition.

A bill has been introduced into the New York State Legislature at Albany embodying a recommendation to Congress that the present Greater New York and Long Island should be converted into a new State to be known as the State of Manhattan. The grounds for this application are, partly, that the population of the State is nearly nine millions, or four millions more than the next most populous State, which is Pennsylvania. It is also contended that the special interests of New York run counter to those of the present State as a whole and would be better served by the plan suggested.

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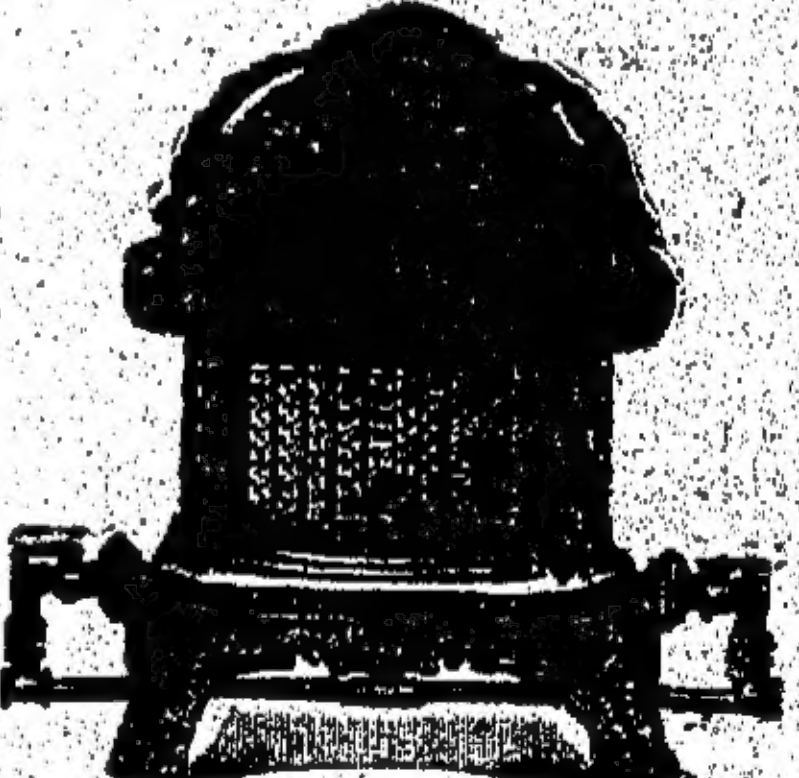
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A TOKYO LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

TOKYO, March 8th.
The death of Mr. James Walter, who has
been so long and honorably connected
with Japan, has cast a gloom over the
foreign community, although the sad end
had long been expected. On recovery from
an accident over a twelve-month ago Mr.
Walter was advised to take a trip home for
his health, and while in Europe took the
opportunity to consult specialists as to the
condition of his throat, which had long
been giving him cause for anxiety. The
trouble was diagnosed as cancer, and
little hope was held out of any but
alleviative treatment. Mr. Walter at
once determined to return to Japan to
spend his last days in the country with
which he had been so long associated.
News of the terrible disease by which he
had been attacked preceded him and called
forth many expressions of sympathy. Up
to the last Mr. Walter retained his interest
in public affairs, one of his latest concerns
being the reorganization of the old Public
Hall Company at Yokohama into the new
Gaiety Theatre Co. On his deathbed Mr.
Walter was in receipt of an honor from
His Majesty the Emperor of
Japan. On the news of his serious
illness reaching the Throne his Majesty
was pleased to bestow on him the fifth-
class of the Order of the Sacred Treasure.
The funeral took place on Saturday, prac-
tically the whole of the foreign community
of Yokohama and Tokyo, irrespective of
rank and nationality, attending. The chief
mourner was Mr. Walter, Jun., son of the
deceased, who walked side by side with Sir
Claude Macdonald, the British Amba-
sador, in the funeral cortege. The pall-
bearers included the British Consul-General
and those who had been the nearest and
dearest friends of the deceased. Mr. Walter,
it may be added, took a great interest in
Japanese affairs, and was the discoverer of
the tomb of the famous Elizabethan seaman,
Will Adams.

The depression in Japan's trade, which
has now lasted some two years, shows no
signs of lifting. Indeed, the gloomy pros-
pects have been deepened lately by the
disorderly condition of affairs to put it
mildly—of some Japanese companies. The
chief of these is the Dai Nippon Sugar
Refining Company, a concern which had
been regarded as of the highest stability,
but which now appears to have been
grossly mismanaged. In the days of its
highest prosperity the company has
been known to pay a dividend of 40 per
cent., and it is now feared that these
high dividends were only paid at the
expense of the stability of the concern.
It is hardly probable that the company will
be allowed to go into bankruptcy, but the
difficulties in the way of any real adjustment
of its affairs are very great. The exact
amount of the liabilities is stated by the
auditor of the company to be 2,792,000
yen, 4,000,000 of which are taxes in
arrear. How these liabilities were incurred
is uncertain, but it is probable the
company was trading on the prospects of
a revival of trade which has failed to
materialize. The godowns are filled with
sugar, Mr. Sakurai, the Director of the
Romon Bureau, recently stating in the
Diet that the quantity of sugar in stock
upon which the tax could not be imposed
was estimated at 160,000,000 kins. That
proper provision has not been made for
future contingencies in the affairs of the
company is certain, but it is doubtful
whether any charge of mismanagement can
be brought against the directors, although
some of the vernacular papers boldly
allege fraudulent practices.

Naturally the trouble in the affairs of
this, the largest sugar refining company in
Japan, has directly affected the other sugar
refining companies and indirectly injured
Japan's credit in other directions. The
share market, which showed some signs of
activity before the disclosures were made,
has again taken a downward plunge, and
there seems little prospect of relief. Un-
doubtedly a part of the depression is to
be attributed to the fall in prices of
certain of Japan's staples, such as cop-
per and silk, but there is an undercurrent
of distrust which prevents any active
operations. The foreign mercantile houses
have also felt the strain, the more cautious
of them laying suspended business almost
entirely, and even from regular customers
being refused. The more incautious, how-
ever, have indulged in what must be con-
sidered a more or less speculative business,
and many have "burned" their fingers
severely. Meanwhile the heavy war taxes
continue, and considering that Japan's
latest Budget has the novelty of being the
first since the war wherein the revenue and
expenditure are brought into agreement
without additional aid, such as loans,
etc., it may be concluded the war taxes
create such discontent, but in the phrase
of the country it is a case of "Shikata ga
nai," "cannot be helped." It may be noted,
however, that at the joint conference of the
Japanese Chambers of Commerce, held in
Tokyo in the 15th inst., strong complaints
were made as to the heavy burden of tax-
ation and a memorial for presentation to the
Government was adopted in which not
only the perpetuation of the war taxes is
severely condemned, but also the methods
of collection, which are described as
brutal. Mr. W. T. R. Preston, the
Commissioner of Trade for the Dominion
of Canada, was recently stated in the
Yokohama Chronicle that there was "no im-
pact of discrimination over the war taxes in
Japan," evidently spoke without his hat.

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Intimations.

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Hongkong, March 16, 1909.

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Hongkong, March 16, 1909.

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NOTICE.

THE FIFTEENTH HALF-YEARLY
DRAWING OF SIXTY-FIVE DE-
BENTURES (1896) of the HONGKONG
CLUB, payable on WEDNESDAY, the 31st
March, 1909, will be held at the HONG-
KONG CLUB HOUSE at 11 o'clock A.M. on
FRIDAY, the 19th March, 1909.
Debtors of Debentures are invited to
attend the Drawing.
By Order,
JAMES CRAIK, Secretary.
Hongkong, March 9, 1909.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING of the Share-
holders of the above Company will be held
at the Offices of the General Agents, the
Building on FRIDAY, the 19th March, at
10 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving
the Report and Statement of Accounts for the
year ending 31st December, 1908.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 6th to 13th
March, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, March 2, 1909.

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HONGKONG REGATTA.

SATURDAY, March 20th.

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VICE ADMIRAL SIR HEDWORTH
LAMBERTON, K.C.B., R.N.,
Major-General R.G. BROADWOOD, C.S.

THE RACING commences at Noon, and
continues until 5.00 P.M. The Senior
Fairs Race being rowed at 1 P.M. after
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The Band of the Buffs will render selec-
tions during the afternoon.

Yacht Races and a Motor-Boat Race will
take place also.

After the last race, Mrs. BASIL TAYLOR
has kindly consented to present the prizes.
The Committee request the pleasure of the
presence of the Ladies of Hongkong.
Launches will leave Blake Pier for the
Flagship at 11.30 A.M. and at frequent
intervals until 2.30 P.M., returning after
the last race.

Tickets for the Flagship and Tiffin may
be obtained from Lieut.-Colonel Chapman
and the Undersecretary, or from Messrs. Kelly
and Walsh, price Flagship \$1.00, Tiffin
\$0.50. It is requested that early applica-
tion may be made for the latter, to secure
the necessary accommodation.

Launches following the races must keep
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not to interfere with competing crews.
HEDLEY C. WHITE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 13, 1909.

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NOTICE OF IMPERIAL CHINESE

TELEGRAPH ADMINISTRATION.

LOCAL AGENCY FOR THE ISSUE OF
RAILWAY REDEMPTION BONDS.

WE beg to inform the Public that we
have received the following despatch
from the Board of Communications:—
The Board has a scheme in hand for the
redemption of the Peking-Hankow Railway
by issuing public bonds to the amount of
ten million dollars which has been approved
by the throne. Bonds can be taken up
from the 10th of February. In order to
induce the public to take them up every-
where it has been decided to appoint an
Agent, Tsui Tai Wan, Director of the Im-
perial Chinese Telegraph Administration of
Hongkong, as Agent in Hongkong to issue
the Bonds. The necessary forms will be
forwarded to him as soon as their audit
numbers are affixed. In the mean time the
said Tsui Tai Wan will attend to the matter
according to the following regulations:—
It is hereby notified that the Bonds are
for the purpose of redeeming the Peking-
Hankow Railway and are issued at \$100
each. The Bonds will bear numbers only
and no names are required, and any person
can invest their money in them. The
Bonds will bear an annual interest of 7%
of the profits of the said Railway, to be
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THE NAVAL ESTIMATES.

BRITAIN'S ENORMOUS TASK.

What is Germany Doing?

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London, March 17.
The Prince of Wales and other distinguished visitors were present in the House of Commons when Mr. McKenna rose in a crowded house to introduce the Naval Estimates. Mr. McKenna said the safety of the country must be their paramount object, but the Government were faced with the difficulty that they did not know the rate whereat German construction was proceeding. The construction of extra Broadboughts depended upon the output of the German yards for we cannot risk any falling behind in Dreadnought building.

Mr. Balfour said the condition of the Navy was a national danger. Great Britain in December, 1910, would have ten Dreadnoughts, while Germany would probably have thirteen. By 1912 the proportion would be twenty to twenty-five or at least twenty to twenty-one.

AUSTRIA AND SERBIA.

A PLAIN ANSWER REQUIRED.

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London, March 17.
Austria, who regards the last Serbian Note as evasive and almost impertinent, will send an answer demanding specific promises of peaceful intentions.

POSTAL SCHOOLS TO BE OPENED.

(Wah Tse Yee Po's Service.)

Peking, March 16.
The Board of Communications intend to establish Telegraph and Postal Colleges in Kiangsu, Hupeh, Fuhkien, and Chekiang.

MODEL PARLIAMENT HOUSE.

(Wah Tse Yee Po's Service.)

Peking, March 16.
The Constitutional Administration Department of Peking has telegraphed to Lord Li King-fang, Chinese Minister at London, to obtain copies of the plan of the English House of Lords, the idea being to build a similar Parliament House on the site now occupied by the Metropolitan Examination Hall.

NEW TREATY PORT.

(Wah Tse Yee Po's Service.)

Peking, March 16.
The Board of Foreign Affairs has submitted a memorial to the Throne urging that Hotchow, in Chekiang, be opened as a treaty port.

IMPERIAL CHINESE BANK NOTES.

(Wah Tse Yee Po's Service.)

Peking, March 16.
The Board of Finance has notified all Viceroy and Governors that in all the Provinces the banknotes issued by the Imperial Chinese Bank are to be accepted in payment of taxes.

HOW TO SECURE RECRUITS.

(Wah Tse Yee Po's Service.)

Peking, March 16.
The Peking Government has telegraphed to all the Chinese Ministers abroad that they are to inquire into the system of recruiting pursued by the various countries to which they are accredited.

SPORTING.

Tennis.

In connection with the tennis championship on the Hongkong Cricket Club's grounds the following matches have been played:
Championship Event (best of five sets).
H. Rastock v. Dr. G. B. Aubrey, 6-3, 6-0, 7-5.
Capt. Bingley v. Comdr. Walter, R.N., 6-2, 6-4, 2-6, 8-1.

Luncheon Athletic Sports.

Under the auspices of the Luncheon Athletic Club the annual athletic sports are to be held on the Race Course, by kind permission of the stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club, on Monday, March 18. The list of sports includes a 100 yards race.

SANITARY BOARD.

Mr. R. O. Hutcheson presided over a meeting of the Sanitary Board on Tuesday afternoon, and there were present Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, O.M.G., Colonel Bedford, Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt, Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Mr. A. Shelton Hooper, Dr. G. H. L. Fitzwilliams, Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Dr. F. Olrik, Medical Officer of Health and Mr. A. Gibson, secretary.

The Scavenging Contractor.

Dr. Martland, Assistant Medical Officer of Health, reported that he had made an inspection of the boats used by the scavenging contractor for Trim Tse Tui. He recommended that four of the boats be not accepted and that boats up to the standard size be required. All boats should be decked. If the boat had no deck it was piled up with rubbish which in all probability was thrown into the harbor at the earliest opportunity. As it was only the beginning of quite a long contract he considered it would be reasonable to ask that the boats be brought nearer to contract requirements as they were sure to get lost as time went on through accidents, etc.

Mr. Hooper inquired—I quite agree with the Assistant Medical Officer of Health. Dr. Fitzwilliams inquired—I think the conditions of the contract should be insisted upon and that if the total number of boats supplied does not give the necessary pictureage this must be made up by an increased number of boats, it being rather an advantage to increase the number than the size of the boats owing to the depth of water at low tide.

The President proposed that the contractor be told that he has got to provide boats up to the full pictureage, and to have those boats decked as recommended by the Assistant Medical Officer of Health.

Mr. Shelton Hooper seconded, and the contractor was called before the Board and informed of the decision arrived at.

Nomination of Mr. Lau Chu Pak.

A letter was read from the Government, notifying the Board of the re-nomination of Mr. Lau Chu Pak to the Sanitary Board. The President stated that the whole Board were very pleased that Mr. Lau had consented to be re-nominated, as he was an acquisition to the Board and a useful member, not only on account of the work done at Board meetings, but also outside (Applauds).

Mr. Shelton Hooper—What about his colleague?

The President—At the moment I have no further information regarding the filling of the other vacancy, but I think it will be filled very soon.

The Exhumation of Bodies.

Mr. A. Shelton Hooper asked if the Board had any further information from the Government with regard to the granting of permits for the exhumation of bodies.

The President—I have no further information than is given in this letter. I understand they are taking steps.

Mr. Shelton Hooper—I think the Government should be asked to submit for our consideration any amendment of the law before it is introduced. We might be able to make suggestions.

Mr. Lau Chu Pak—In the meantime the Chinese are suffering great inconvenience. They are constantly sending up for permits for exhumation which nobody can grant.

Mr. Shelton Hooper—That is the unfortunate state of the law.

Dr. Clark—If nobody can give permits anybody can give permits.

Mr. Hooper—No, I am advised that to remove a body without a permit is a misdemeanor.

Mr. Lau Chu Pak—Pending the decision of the Government I move the appointment of a sub-committee to issue permits.

Mr. Shelton Hooper—You can't.

Hon. Mr. Hewitt—Nobody in the Colony has power to issue permits.

Hon. Mr. Irvine—We may point out to the Government that this is causing inconvenience to the Chinese.

The President—I think the Government understands that.

Mr. Lau Chu Pak moved and Dr. Fitzwilliams seconded and it was agreed that the Government be asked to take urgent steps in the matter.

Sanitary Department Discipline.

A letter was read from the Hon. Colonial Secretary as follows:—

Sir, I am directed to inform you that Mr. Shelton Hooper's minute on the subject of the method of dealing with complaints by the public against officers of the Sanitary Department has been laid before the Governor. His Excellency desires me to point out that the rules under which any offences or dereliction of duty by any Government officer of whatever grade or standing are laid down in Colonial Regulations 49-73 and it is not within the discretion of the Government to act otherwise than in accordance with those regulations. There is no exceptional treatment in the Sanitary Department, the officers of which, like those of any other department, are subject to the rules of the service. As I informed you, however, in my letter of 9th ult. His Excellency desires that the Board should be fully informed of any action taken by the Head of the Department and should have the fullest opportunity of expressing their views and of making any recommendations to the Government.

Mr. Shelton Hooper inquired—I regret very much that His Excellency's decision does not approve of the suggestion set out in my minute which contained nothing inconsistent with the Colonial Regulations.

Mr. Hooper—I wish particularly to emphasize that minute Sir. I have looked at the Colonial Office Regulations, and there is nothing at all inconsistent with what I suggested in my minute. I particularly obtained from visiting either to support or disavow any officer, and the regulations quoted fully deal with that.

THE AFFAIRS OF D. R. CAPTAIN AND CO.

The public examination of D. R. Captain, trading as D. R. Captain and Co., was conducted in the Supreme Court, before the Chief Justice (Sir F. Pigott), to-day.

Debtor, replying to the Official Receiver, said he was proprietor of Messrs D. R. Captain and Co., wine and provision dealers. He started the business in January, 1906, buying it for \$10,000, of which \$5,000 was paid in cash and the remainder to be paid in monthly instalments of \$250. He was previously manager in the business. When he bought the business over he took in Mr. B. N. Cooper as partner, he having paid down \$3,000 for a half share. The profits of the business were small, but he bought it over from the executor of a widow and wanted to help them. He should think the business was then making \$800 or \$900 a year, but since he took it over the profits had been smaller on account of the severe competition in Hongkong. He had lost about \$1,500 in silk transactions, and was also embroiled of about \$300 by an assistant.

The Official Receiver—Is it not a fact that you have been living an extravagant life?

Debtor—I don't think so.

Mr. Holbrow, who appeared for a creditor, said debtor admitted having bought goods in 1908 to the value of \$12,000 and he estimated his goods valued at \$4,000. Where were the goods now?

Mr. F. J. Dixon, for debtor, said there were about \$8,000 in bank debts. The goods had been sold and the debts were entered in the books.

Mr. E. J. Grist suggested that the case should be adjourned and debtor ordered in the meantime to file a deficiency account to show what had become of the goods.

His Lordship agreed, and the order was made.

Mr. Dixon said he intended to apply for adjudication that day. The reason was that the Official Receiver wished to sell the business as a going concern and at the present time he was not in a position to accept tenders for the concern. The consequence was that the business was suffering.

Mr. Holbrow said he did not object, and Mr. Grist said he could obviously take no compromise in the present state of the accounts.

The application for adjudication was granted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HONGKONG REGATTA.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Sir—I have read with much interest the letter by "Fair Sport" which appeared in the columns of your paper, and must say that his outspoken criticisms are endorsed by a large number of sportsmen in Hongkong.

I conscientiously believe that rowers should be placed on even terms, thus giving all an equal chance of scoring a victory. Moreover, in fairness to them, a good opportunity will be afforded spectators of witnessing a competition of prowess when all things are equal.

As one of the meetings of the Hongkong Regatta Committee held recently, it was proposed and carried by a majority of 7 to 1, so I believe, that all four-armed events at the forthcoming Regatta be competed in the same class of boats. The decision was received with much interest by all broad-minded sportsmen and endorsed by them as affording the one opportunity for competition upon terms of equality.

The decision which called forth such favourable comments was reversed at a subsequent meeting when some of the members of the Committee were not present. It looks as if the subsequent decision, which overrules the popular original finding, is to hold good.

With your permission I would like to ask the sporting public to judge for themselves if it is fair play to accord the chances of one class rowing in a far superior boat when such a boat is only owned by one rowing club in the colony and available to its members only, practically thus penalizing the members of the other clubs?

An inferior and much heavier boat, all of the same design, is owned by all the three other clubs. As the majority of the Clubs own the heavier boats, why not compete in them as at first decided?

It should be a governing principle, in sport as in business, that the majority should receive the maximum consideration. In other words, the greatest good to the maximum number.

I have myself entered a crew for the Junior Fours on the understanding that competitors would all be placed on even terms, but had reluctantly to withdraw upon the second decision of the Hongkong Regatta Committee being unofficially announced.

Less the purpose of my letter be misunderstood by the officials of the rowing clubs concerned, allow me to add that I was prompted to approach you for the hospitality of your columns, in the most friendly spirit to the organising body of the Regatta, with the view of securing the success, which the meeting undoubtedly deserves but would unquestionably fail to obtain were an unpopular decision allowed to hold good at the expense of enthusiasm vying in the sporting event which should be looked forward to with considerable interest.

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ALLEGED CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Official Receiver Complains.

The Chief Justice (Sir Francis Pigott) at the Supreme Court to-day, sitting in bankruptcy jurisdiction, heard an application by Mr. S. Dixon for the rescission of a receiving order in the case of the Kwong Yee Cheung Firm.

His Lordship—Are all the creditors consenting?

Mr. Dixon—Yes, my lord.

His Lordship—What does the Official Receiver say?

The Official Receiver (Mr. Wakeman)—I have not yet had an opportunity of considering this. The affidavit was only filed yesterday.

His Lordship—Well, perhaps it had better stand over, and I will make the order in chambers if the Official Receiver agrees.

The Official Receiver—I should like to call attention to this bankruptcy. The first meeting of creditors was called and I have not yet had a notice to attend, but he has not taken any notice of it. In fact, he has already committed contempt of court twice. I ask your Lordship to have him brought here.

Mr. Dixon—The reason, my lord, is that I do not think he understands.

The Official Receiver—He was served with notice in English and Chinese and must have understood. It is impossible for me to carry out my duties as Official Receiver if I am defied like this.

The application was eventually adjourned until next bankruptcy day.

DEPORTING CHINESE REBELS FROM TONKIN.

Treaty Between France and China.

Last year, the French authorities in Tonkin had no end of trouble from Chinese revolutionists who, on the failure of outbreaks in Kwangsi and Yunnan, had taken refuge in French territory, and sought means of livelihood by brigandage. So many of these outlaws fell into the hands of the Colonial authorities that numbers of them had to be got rid of by deportation to Singapore. Difficulties continually arose on the frontier to the Chinese pursuing forces having to pull themselves up on the fleeing revolutionists crossing the boundary line.

SENTENCE.
How to meet outlaws which had become worse by Chinese residents in Tonkin sympathising with the revolutionists, occupied long parleying between the French and Chinese Governments.

Answer—Tonkin, a Haiphong newspaper, says that the negotiations have resulted in a treaty, a copy of which has been sent to the Governor General of Indo-China. This agreement, set out in five articles, is expected to prevent further frontier troubles with revolutionists.

Under article 2, the French authorities undertake to put down sharply every kind of revolutionary and anti-dynastic agitation—especially as regards printed matter—directed against the Chinese Government, in Indo-China. If a printing machine will be deported or proscribed. Newspapers offending will be suppressed.

Article 3 provides for the detaining and confinement of Chinese revolutionists taking refuge in French territory. After a while, such revolutionists will be deported from the Colony upon due notice of the fact being given to the Chinese Government—the latter to bear all the expense. Measures will be taken to prevent them from returning to the Colony.

Article 4 directs the surrender to the Chinese Government of all refugees criminals guilty of what the law of China considers to be brigandage or piracy. Should the criminals plead that they are political offenders, a searching inquiry will be made to prevent them from escaping punishment under this plea.

Under article 5, both Governments agree to stop the contraband trade in arms on the frontier. If a soldier is captured in Indo-China, he is to be sent to the Chinese Government, who will take note of the treaty, and will forbear from passing into French territory, now that they know what is in store for them.

no more reasons.
The Tonkin Government intends in short to stand no more nonsense from them. The moment Chinese revolutionists or rebels set foot on French territory, the authorities will at once proceed to pursue and capture them. The treaty explicitly sets forth that, failing advice from its own officials, the Indo-China Government will take action against refugees bands the moment the Chinese authorities notify the fact that they have crossed the frontier into Tonkin. —Straits Times.

DANGERS OF INFLUENZA.

THE great danger of influenza, in its results in pneumonia, is a fact which is being proved by the outbreak of the disease in Hongkong. It is a contagious disease, and its spread is rapid. It is a disease which is not only dangerous to the individual, but also to the community. It is a disease which is not only dangerous to the individual, but also to the community. It is a disease which is not only dangerous to the individual, but also to the community.

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ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

For being on board the s.s. Lothian without permission, a native was fined \$25, at the Magistracy, to-day.

A fine of \$300 was imposed on a native, at the Magistracy, to-day, by Mr. J. R. Wood, for having opium in his possession and for preparing opium.

Lottie Kingsberg and Mary Larin were each fined \$20, or seven days, by Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy, to-day, for behaving in a disorderly manner in Queen's Road Central by accosting male pedestrians.

Mr. J. H. Kamp, at the Magistracy, this afternoon, committed Yung Kwai Leung, alias Yung Pak Shau, for trial on a charge of embezzling various sums amounting to \$69,747.71 from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in 1905.

For catching an article, value \$10 from a native woman, a Chinaman was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment, at the Magistracy, to-day, by Mr. J. H. Kamp, and fourteen strokes of the birch as well as four hours in the stocks. Detective Sergeant Turrett is supposed to be in Queen's Road at the time and caught prisoner in the act.

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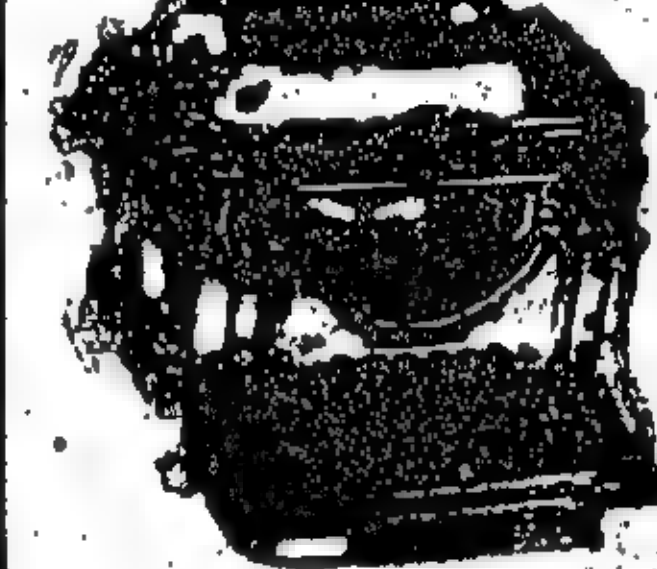
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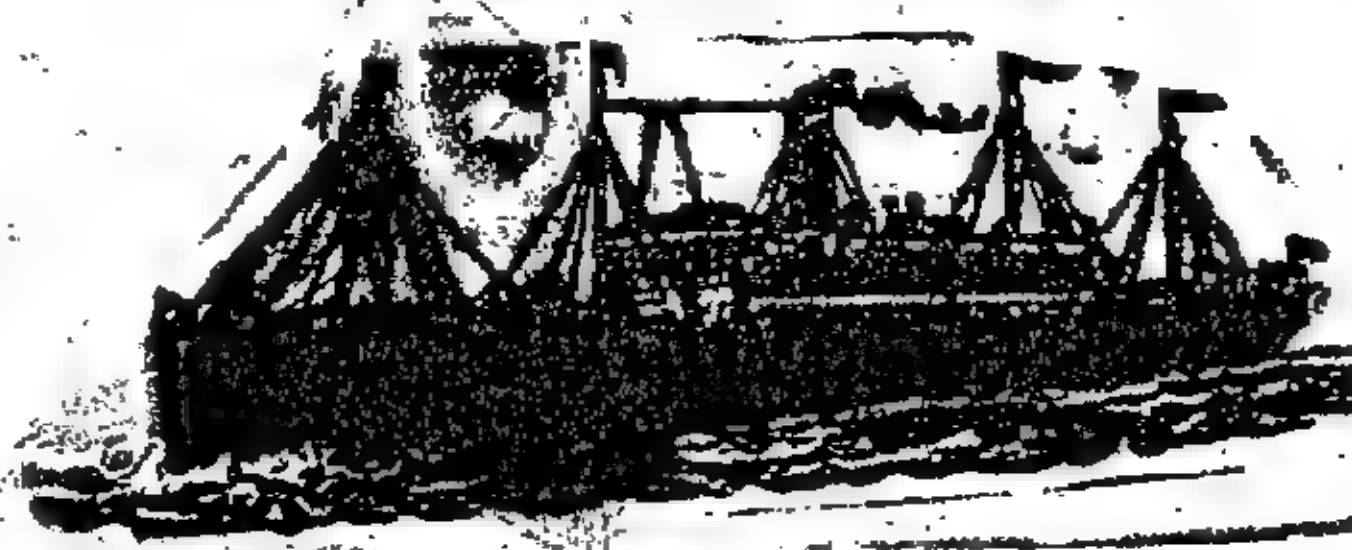
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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	GORDEN	About THURSDAY, 25th March.
MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINIA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	PRINZ WALDEMAR	THURSDAY, 25th Mar., at 8 p.m.
KUALA LUMPUR AND HANDAPAN	BORNEO	Beginning of April.

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* KOREA	TUESDAY, 13th April, at Noon.
* NIPPON MARU	SATURDAY, 24th April, at Noon.
* SIBERIA	TUESDAY, 4th May, at Noon.
* CHINA	TUESDAY, 11th May, at Noon.
* MANCHURIA	TUESDAY, 18th May, at Noon.
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DESTINATION	STEAMERS	SAILING DATES, 1909.
MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID	WABA MARU, Capt. R. Takeda, Tons 6189	WEDNESDAY, 1st March, at Daylight.
	HITACHI MARU, Capt. F. E. Cope, Tons 6710	WEDNESDAY, 14th April, at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.O. AND SEATTLE, VIA SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND YOKOHAMA	SHINANO MARU, Capt. K. Kawano, Tons 6388	TUESDAY, 30th March, at Noon.
	TANGO MARU, Capt. S. Ishikawa, Tons 7463	TUESDAY, 15th April, at Noon.
SYDNEY AND WELLSBORNE, THURSDAY, 19th	RIKKO MARU, Capt. M. Yagi, Tons 5539	FRIDAY, 19th Mar., at Noon.
DAY ISLAND, TOWNS, VILLE AND BRISBANE	YUMANO MARU, Capt. N. Matheson, Tons 5076	FRIDAY, 19th Mar., at Noon.
BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO	YEBOSHI MARU, Capt. E. Kun, Tons 5798	THURSDAY, 18th March.
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	YETOROFU MARU, Capt. K. Sato, Tons 5949	FRIDAY, 19th Mar., at Noon.
KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	KANAGAWA MARU, Capt. M. Ohno, Tons 6189	SATURDAY, 20th Mar., at Daylight.
NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU, Capt. F. Sakino, Tons 5817	WEDNESDAY, 14th April, at Noon.

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NEWS FROM THE HOMELAND.

The first proceeds under the Old Age Pensions Act was heard at Taunton when John Pleas, a carpenter, aged seventy-one, was fined £1 and £1 costs for making false representations when applying for a pension. Mr. Hawkins, for the prosecution, said that Pleas had said that his income was £5 a week, but the pension officer discovered that he employed two men and a wheelwright in his carpentering business, ran a laundry, employed two men on his land, received £6 10s. as organist of the parish church, kept a horse and trap, and employed a boy to look after them.

With the completion of the Berlin visit King Edward, since his accession, will have visited all the principal Powers, except Turkey, and many of the smaller ones. A list of the countries visited marks the King as the most travelled monarch of the day.

Sir Edward Russell has accepted the readership of the Newspaper Press Fund, in succession to Lord Burnham, who has become president.

Roughly, nearly half a million people saw the sixteen ties in the second round of the English Cup. Of the sixteen matches ten were brought to a definite issue and six were left drawn. The weather was perfect for foot, the cold snap and clear air being delightful for players and spectators alike. At seven of the matches there were crowds returned at over 30,000, the Manchester United-Everton match drawing the biggest attendance with 35,000. There were 33,000 at Tottenham and 32,000 at Woolwich; and at the latter centre some 10,000 people were shut out when the gates were closed before the start of the match.

Sir Charles Stirling, of Hildesley, Malton, celebrated his sixtieth birthday by attending a meeting of Lord Middleton's House at Malton (Yorkshire).

A short Bill dealing with cinematograph exhibitions is to be introduced by the Home Secretary during the present session of Parliament.

Provided an audience can discharge itself from a theatre in three minutes, it is proposed in a recommendation of the Theatres Committee of the London County Council that no restrictions shall in future be placed on the number of persons admitted.

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STEAMERS	TO SAIL
* MANILA	LOONGSANG, FRIDAY, March 19, at 4 p.m.
* SHANGHAI	KWONGSANG, SATURDAY, March 20, at Noon.
* SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	FOOKSANG, TUESDAY, March 23, at Noon.
* TIENTSIN	CHIPSANG, TUESDAY, March 23, at 4 p.m.
* MANILA	YUENSANG, FRIDAY, March 26, at 4 p.m.

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	March 18, at 4 p.m.
TIENTSIN	March 19, at 10 a.m.
CHANGHAI	March 19, at 4 p.m.
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SATURDAY, March 20—

11 a.m.—Auction of *Enlow* Drawn work-

ing, at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales

Rooms.

3 p.m.—Auction of *Enlow* Pianos at City

Hall.

Noon—Hongkong Regatta.

9 p.m.—Boxing at City Hall.

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MONDAY, March 22—

P.m.—B-ball Match (final) at Football

Ground, Happy Valley.

Transfer Books of *China-Borneo Co.,*

Ltd., close from this date to 5th April

inclusive.

Goods per *Mongolia* undelivered at Noon

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TUESDAY, March 23—

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date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, March 25—

P.m.—Military Tattoo on the Cricket

Ground.

MONDAY, April 5—

Noon—Meeting of *China-Borneo Co.,*

Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1909.

COMPENSATION.

Lord CREWE, representing the Home

authorities, has given his word that

Hongkong shall be compensated by

the British Parliament for any loss

which the Colony's revenues will

sustain in connection with the opium

repression policy which Great Britain

has recently thought fit to pursue.

Sir JOHN ANDERSON, Governor of

Singapore, has observed, has suggested

to the Colonial Office that a

suitable way to provide compensation

for the loss of Opium revenue would

be to remit the Military Contribution

indignation with the suggestion made

to them. But because Hongkong and

Singapore are Crown Colonies and the

Colonial Office is the paramount power

they have to submit to a species of

plunder that one unofficial member of

the Hongkong Legislative Council once

described as "little short of highway

robbery." We have called the Military

Contribution iniquitous. The epithet

is justified for owing to the nature of

its incidence the Contribution does not

rise or fall in accordance with the

Colony's income, but is always one-

fourth of our expenditure. Thus it

comes about to-day that although Hong-

kong has to face a big deficit yet

owing to the increase in our expendi-

tures, the Military Contribution is larger

this year than it was last.

Sir JOHN ANDERSON's suggestion that

the Military Contribution be remitted

as a return for the loss of the Opium

revenue which the action of the

Home authorities has brought about

should receive the warmest support

of his own Colony. As for Hong-

kong a similar suggestion should

also be made and be strongly ad-

vocated by those bodies who are said

to have the ear of the authorities at

home. A fourth of our income goes

with the prohibition of Opium: there-

fore the Home Government which has

forced this condition of affairs upon us

should at once come to our aid by

easing us of the Military Contribution,

which is one-fourth of our expenditures.

Compensation on those terms would

not only be satisfactory, it would be

equitable and worthy of the ideals

dictated by the higher morality which

Great Britain is so anxious to live up

to in the opening decade of the

twentieth century.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

To-day is St. Patrick's day, the patron

saint of Ireland.

The accompaniment of the Queen of

Spain is expected in May next.

The customary programme of music will

not be rendered to-morrow by the 13th

Rajputs Band at the King Edward Hotel.

A number of taxicabs are being shipped

from England to Sydney, Australia,

where they are expected to start running

in about two months time.

A sum of £25,000 has been allocated

by the French authorities for the new

Commercial Attaché in the Far East, who

will have his headquarters either in Peking

or Tokyo.

At the Y.M.C.A., on Thursday even-

ing a meeting in the interests of the

religious side of the Association's work is

NEW PUISNE JUDGE.

Appointment of Mr Justice

Gompertz.

Official notification has been received of

the appointment of Mr Justice Gompertz

as Puisne Judge in succession to Mr Justice

Wise, who, as is well known, has resigned

from the service of the Colony. Mr Justice

Gompertz has for the past twelve months

been Acting Puisne Judge and his uniform

courtesy as well as his quick and ready

appreciation of difficult points of law have

made him a favourite among those whose

duty it is to practice at the Court. He has

a happy knack of getting at the pith of a

case and in this way economises time with-

out endangering the ends of justice. We

congratulate him on his new appointment

and feel sure he will discharge the duties

incumbent on the office with all round

dignity and fairness to all concerned.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The recent rains in Peking surpass

anything that can be recalled by the oldest

inhabitant of the eastern State, says the

Malay Mail. It has also been pretty damp

in Singapore lately.

From Messrs Reiss and Co. we have

received the semi-annual report of the New

Zealand Insurance Company, Ltd., showing

how very successful its working has been

during the past twelve months.

Four months' imprisonment was the

sentence passed upon Dr. Gomez, the

leader of the Manila Labourites, for

threatening a foreign firm. It is expected

that he will use every legal dodge to avoid

serving the sentence.

At Messina a man has been rescued

alive, after being buried for 37 days. He

was imprisoned in the ruins of a con-

fectioner's shop, and was able to feed on

sweetmeats, and drink liquors.

The health crusade initiated in New

York has resulted in a large number of men

being arrested for violation of the Sanita-

tion Law. The other day no fewer than

180 were fined for spitting in the public

subways.

Paris has spoken. Breadth instead of

attention is to be the note of the new

fashions, and about ladies who, owing to

their inability to wear Directorate costumes

have been in hiding in forests and on

inaccessible mountains, are now flocking

back to town.—Punch.

The football dispute which arose be-

tween England and Scotland owing to the

payment of 3s a day to members of the

Australian and New Zealand Rugby Union

teams has been settled. Scotland agrees

that it was not entitled to accept the

match with England, and the match will

be played on March 20.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice

THE AMERICAN SQUADRON.

The dance given at Government House

on Tuesday evening, following the dinner

to Rear-Admiral Harber and the officers

of the American Squadron, proved a most

delightful function. Some two hundred

and fifty invitations were issued and most

were accepted. Music was supplied by the

excellent Band of the Buffs.

"MARINE DELICACIES."

During the public examination of a

Chinese bankrupt at the Supreme Court

to-day, debtor said he dealt in "marine

delicacies."

The Official Receiver—What are they?

Debtor—Shark fins.

THE PRATAS.

The Canton newspapers are greatly

worked up over the Pratas affair. Full

reports are published regarding the hoisting

of the Japanese flag, the building of huts,

the laying down of a railway for the better

working of the

